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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action dated August 15, 2002. The time for response to which is extended three months by the accompanying petition from November 15, 2002 to February 15, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

CHANGE OF FIRM NAME

Please note that the firm name "McCutchen Doyle Brown and Enersen LLP" has been changed as a result of a merger. The new firm name is "Bingham McCutchen LLP". Please address all further correspondence in the above-identified matter to the undersigned at:

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